

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.) or Shriners has been a fraternal organization since 1872, and established its first hospital for the medical treatment of children in 1922; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the 22 Shriners hospitals is to provide the highest quality care, to encourage the best recovery possible; to conduct research in orthopedics, burns and spinal cord injury, leading to improvements in quality of care and life; and to train medical professionals in the treatment of orthopedic disabilities, spinal cord injuries and burns; and,

WHEREAS, the El Korah Shrine Center located in Boise, Idaho and its membership have been a part of this mission since 1898, regularly conducting fund raisers and public awareness to support the Shrine hospitals, and contributing to the \$826 million annual budget to ensure Idaho's children receive the best medical care at no cost to them or their families; and,

WHEREAS, the El Korah Shrine Temple is a member of the Pacific Northwest Shrine Association and will host its 2008 annual summer convention in Boise, Idaho August 7-10, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Shrine Nobles from around the Pacific Northwest plan to promote the fellowship, fraternity and philanthropy of the A.A.O.N.M.S. during their stay in Boise;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of August 4th - 10th, 2008 as

"Pacific Northwest Shrine Association Week"

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at Boise, Idaho, on this 8th day of July in the year of our Lord two-thousand and eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-third and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred nineteenth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

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